

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 436

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Judy Woodruff on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Judy Woodruff is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for over twenty-five years as an artist, choreographer, educator, and administrator and who will be taking a much-deserved retirement in June of this year; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Johnson City, Ms. Woodruff has served as founder and artistic director of Mountain Movers Dance Company and as an adjunct faculty member at East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, since November 1988, Ms. Woodruff has served as Executive Director of the Tennessee Association of Dance (TAD); during her tenure, TAD has become a stronger organization, a central source of relevant dance information, and a pillar of the dance community in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, with her adept guidance, TAD has expanded its repertoire of programs and services, including an annual conference, the biannual Summit, and the implementation of K-12 dance curricula into classrooms statewide; and

WHEREAS, under Ms. Woodruff's leadership, a degreed dance program has been implemented at the University of Tennessee at Martin; degreed programs at other universities and colleges statewide are now being considered; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Judy Woodruff received the prestigious 2005 Governor's Award in the Arts for Arts Leadership; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Woodruff is an active and important part of her community and her profession, and she exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Ms. Woodruff has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues, her students, and the community at large; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Judy Woodruff our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, as we pay tribute to her exemplary service with the Tennessee Association of Dance and wish her every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.